

Vernon Pickleball Association

COVID-19 Rules and Restrictions

July 2020

Pre -Booking

No Drop-in Play

All pickleball players, members and non-members, MUST pre-book on Sign-up Genius. Both first & last names must be listed for each player at the time of booking. Document subsequent player changes by updating your reservation. A minimum of 2 and a maximum of 5 players per court.

Booking records will be retained by the VPA for trace-back purposes.

Cancel the booking if you will not be attending.

Stay Home if you are sick

Do Not play if you:

- o Exhibit any COVID-19 symptoms, such as a fever, cough, difficulty breathing, or other symptoms identified by health experts.
- o Have been in contact with someone with COVID-19 in the last 14 days.
- o Are considered vulnerable or at risk

Court Access

Do Not arrive early or linger after your allotted court time (10 Mins or Less Prior)

Enter the OWA Pickleball Complex via the Northwest gate into the practice area.

One-way traffic in centre walkway.

Do Not congregate in the centre walkway, its only for transit to your assigned court

(wait for your court time outside of the complex or in the practice courts and adhering to the more than 2 meter distance guideline.)

Players on a “bye” can wait in the centre walkway if maintaining 2 m distancing

To maintain 2m distancing, only sit on the “X”s on the benches.

Always strictly respect the 2m distancing requirement.

Take all bags and belongings into your assigned court. No bags or belongings to be left in the centre walkway. Flagging on the fences will help with “distancing” your bags to avoid subsequent congestion.

Equipment

Each player MUST use an individual ball (please label your personal pickleballs). Only serve and handle your own pickleball. If there are 4 players on court, there needs to be 4 balls in play, no exceptions.

Do not share paddles or pickleballs. Always bring hand sanitizer and use it frequently.

Sanitize your ball using hand sanitizer or the pail of soapy water in each court.

Playing Format

No less than 2 and no more than 5 players per court

Play in no more than 2-court player pools (No more than 10 players per 2 court pair)

RESPECT OTHERS AND THEIR OPPORTUNITY TO STAY HEALTHY WHILE HAVING FUN

Scheduling

Pre-booking will be done by court number and 2 hour time slots. Time slots will be staggered to avoid larger congregations of players. Pre-booking is essential to limit the number of players assembling.

Consequences of Non-Compliance

If players choose to not abide by the aforementioned rules and restrictions, they will be asked to not attend the OWA courts for up to 14 days to help protect themselves and others around them.

Continued abuse of the Rules and Restrictions will result in temporary suspension of playing privileges until the COVID restrictions are lifted.

For the safety of all, it is everyone's responsibility to ensure all players abide by the rules. Consequences could be collective to your on-court group.

JUST DO IT!

These safety measures are not optional. For the provincial Order in Council to protect sports organizations, the organization has to establish and enforce the rules. Similarly, for insurance policies to provide effective protection we have to adhere to the rules. The City of Vernon Emergency Operations Centre has also mandated that sports played in Vernon must follow all provincial safety measures.

These measures are simple and easy to follow. You either choose to enjoy PB within the above safety framework at the OWA Pickleball Complex or you can choose to play elsewhere.

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